the Cochin Law Reports. Over and above these, a lump sum provision used to be made, between Rs. 600 to 700 in every budget for distribution among the various Munsiffs for the purchase of text books. That amount is under the control of the District Judges of the respective jurisdictions. About Rs. 100 will therefore be available for each Munsiff for the purchase of text books and law reports. In the course of two or three years, the necessary text books can be purchased from these allotments. If there is any court, where on account of any reason, any difficulty has been felt by any Munsiff, he should have moved in the matter through proper channels. I can quite appreciate the fact raised by the Hon'ble Member for Chalakkudi that for the library of a Munsiff's Court the latest edition of Mulla's C. P. C. is an absolute necessity. Similarly standard text books on the Law of Limitation, Court Fee, etc., are also necessary. I do not think that Dicy's Conflict of Laws is essential for a Munsiff's Court library. If any Munsiff has not got Mulla's C.P.C.—Law of Limitations, etc.,—the matter will be looked into. Even this year under the head, supplies and services, there is a provision of Rs. 700, and if it is possible to cut off the supply of I. L. R. series and Madras Weekly Notes the amount so realised can be utilised for the purchase of other necessary text books. Hitherto there has been no occasion for the Government to look into this matter.

**Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Cheruthuruthi):* I beg to withdraw the motion.

*Motion, by leave, withdrawn*

## CUT MOTION No. 4

### The leaflets published by Panchangom Press are insulting to the Christians

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,479 for Criminal Justice—Salaries—by Re. 1.* This is *to point out to government that the leaflets and the pamphlets regularly published from the Panchangom Press, Kunnamkulam, are insulting to the Christians and are deliberately intended to incite class hatred and communal feelings.*

### Point of order

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I rise to a point of order. The pamphlets and leaflets which my learned friend refers to are, to the best of my knowledge, filed as exhibits in the case connected with the Kunnamkulam affair, and I doubt whether it will not be entering upon the merits of this case also if we go on the discussion of this matter.

**Mr.V. J. Mathai** *(Planters):* On this point of order, Sir, I have to say that if everything that is exhibited in a Court of Law is sub-judice, then nobody can get on in this world. If a book like the Holy Bible or a book like the Ramayana is exhibited in a Court of Law, nobody can speak about the contents of the Bible or the Ramayana. That passes my understanding. I submit there is nothing in the point.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Trichur-North):* Here is a point raised that a gentleman is writing in most flagrant language, and makes most deliberate and serious attacks upon a minority just to say that it is exhibited and hence we should not speak; it is going too far. It is this kind of attack that gives communal trouble, especially at a time like this and I consider it is part of the duty of this Council to tender proper advice to the Government.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* (1) No discussion shall be permitted in regard to any of the following subjects.—

(*a*) Any matter removed from the cognizance of the Council under sub-paragraph 2 of paragraph 80.

(*b*) Any matter under adjudication by a court of law having jurisdiction in Cochin State.

(2) If any doubt arises whether any resolution is or is not within the restriction imposed by sub-paragraph (1) the President shall decide the point and his decision shall be final. We are not going to say as to whether the accused persons are guilty or not. What we are now saying is a certain press is publishing leaflets and pamphlets as malicious propaganda against Christians. I want to show that to the Government.

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* My only submission in the course of the discussion on this matter is the incidents connected with the case should have to be discussed. Not only that, they are going to be judged whether they are guilty or not. I do not want to say that this subject cannot be discussed. But when one matter has been ruled out as sub-judice, whether this will also come within that, is my only doubt.

**Dr. A. R. Menon** *(Trichur-North):* Here is an article published that the dogs and bitches of Kunnamkulam have been chained.

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**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Many things are done there. These things have to be discussed here. Whether the House will bear with those things, is the question to be answered.

**Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal** *(Vadakkancheri):* Have the Government any information that these leaflets have been filed as exhibits in courts?

**Mr. M. Sivarama Menon** *(Advocate-General):* Government have no information with regard to the exhibits filed in that case.

**Mr. A. B. Salem** *(Mattancheri):* Can we take the opinion of the Hon'ble Member who raised the point of order.

**Mr. President:** My ruling is that as we have no information as to whether the publications have been filed as exhibits, or whether they have any reference to matters connected with the case. This matter can therefore be considered without infringing the rules prohibiting the discussion on such matters by the Hon'ble Members.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* At the outset I wish to submit on the floor of this House that the contents of these publications will not be agreed to any lover of Hinduism.

**Mr. President:** I may inform the Hon'ble Members that I have already seen the author of the pamphlets and have given him a serious warning that action will be taken against him if he continues to publish anything likely to arouse ill-feeling and I have instructed the Commissioner of Police to keep a very careful watch on him and note his activities. Up to now, there have been no further activities on those lines in the Press. Government have every intention to take immediate action, should any action be necessary. As far as the future is concerned, the Hon'ble Members can rest assured that if there is any activity, immediate action will be taken against the Press.

**Mr. A. V. Moothedan** *(Chalakkudi):* Since the President has stated that Government is taking proper action in the matter, I don't want to press the motion.

*Motion, by leave, withdrawn*

## CUT MOTION No. 5

### Making provision for giving a reasonable allowance to Honorary Magistrates of the Bench Courts

**Mr. K. R. Viswambharan** *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 45,018 for Law and Justice (c) by Re. 1.* The object in moving this cut motion is to impress upon the Government *the necessity of making provision for giving a reasonable allowance to the Honorary Magistrates of the Bench Courts.* Sir, The Bench Courts constituted in the three Municipal towns of Cochin have been working very satisfactorily for the last many years, and the volume of work and the scope of the case have been very much increased recently. I understand that they have to discharge very onerous duties when presiding over the courts and the President will have extraordinary duties to administer, the office work and also works connected with that. In the nature of things, I think it will only be in the fitness of things to give them an honorarium. Recently in the report submitted by the committee appointed by the government to revise the Panchayat Courts there was a proposal that it was advisable to give even the Panchayat Judges an honorarium of sitting fees. So I submit that an allowance to the honorary magistrate of the bench court will be a healthy innovation.

**Mr. V. J. Mathai** *(Planters):* I regret I have to oppose this. My reasons are these. Firstly, it will be creating an invidious distinction between other honorary workers. We find that honorary magistrates are not the only people doing honorary work. There are honorary visitors to institutions, Panchayat Judges, Panchayat members, Municipal Councillors—quite a number of them. Even the Legistative Council Members are not given an honorarium. They are only given travelling allowance. I find the number will be legion. What about the war workers? The taluk presidents, and quite a number of honorary workers, who do selfless work.—In the interest of the country as well as the world at large. If we extend this principle, I do not know where this honorarium business about which I have serious complaints will stop. Secondly, I understand from the Hon'ble Dr. A. R. Menon that in British India, such a practice is not available. And,when we go to Travancore, there also there is no honorarium. Thirdly, once you continue to give honorarium, the scuffle and the struggle for getting the honorarium will be very great. A Rs. 20 job is fought for between communities, individuals and others and recommendations are brought in. I suppose for these reasons, I have to oppose the motion.

**Mr. K. S. Panicker** *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* On a point of information, what is the income of the Bench Magistrate Court at Ernakulam, in the years 1115, 16 and 17?

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